

State of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Aquatic Resources
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Board of Land
and Natural Resources
Honolulu, Hawaii

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ADD FEDERAL FUNDING (\$52,000) AND EXTEND
THROUGH FY10 A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE RESEARCH CORPORATION OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII FOR AN ON-GOING ULUA TAGGING PROJECT
(CONTRACT NO. 52851)

Submitted herewith for your consideration is a request to amend/extend an existing project Agreement between the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH). Amendment No. 5 will add funding and allow continuation of the project from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. This project provides data in support of the Division of Aquatic Resources' (DAR) mission for management of the State's fishery resources. Amendment No. 5 provides \$52,000 in federal funds from a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sport Fish Restoration grant; no State General Funds are being used.

The Amendment will allow continuation of RCUH's services in implementing the project. RCUH's assistance is required in order for the DAR to meet project goals and objectives in a timely way.

The Ulua Tagging Project, which began on September 1, 2004, is a statewide volunteer angler-based fish tagging project. In FY10, the project will continue to have volunteer anglers capture, tag and release all marine fish species known as ulua and papio. It is estimated that data from approximately 2500 volunteer anglers (an estimated 4000 tagged fish) will be added to the current database for analysis of abundance and size class recruitment patterns for the year. Analysis will continue on the data collected thus far and be assessed by species to determine growth, movement and other parameters that can be applied toward management strategies for these species. The ulua and papio species account for the biggest recreational fishery in the state. With increasing demand, the supply of these fishery stocks may become jeopardized thus the need to promote management of the fishery.

Approval to amend/extend the Agreement is being requested concurrently from the Governor, through the Department of Budget and Finance for review and approval. Also, the amendment to the Project Agreement has been submitted to the Attorney General's Office for preliminary approval as to form.

RECOMMENDATION:

"That the Board authorize the Chairperson to negotiate and, subject to necessary approvals, amend/extend a Project Agreement (Contract No. 52851) with the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii for FY 10."

Respectfully submitted,

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DAN POLHEMUS
Administrator

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

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LAURA H. THIELEN
Chairperson